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Bill Elliot, Professor of Government, was my escort, so we paraded together to the tented dais.

The square was filled with spectators. Seven graduates from one class were over ninety, and a centenarian was said to be marching about. The Governor of Massachusetts arrived in great state, protected by his horse guards. Every color of academic robe was to be seen. Though the day was cold most of the ladies wore gay summer frocks.

After prayer and an anthem, a student delivered a salutatory dissertation in Latin. Then there were two English addresses, preceding a second anthem.

Masses of scholars came forward to receive their degrees. After a couple of hours, it was our turn. Bill Martin, Walter Hallstein, Bob McNamara, and the rest heard our merits briefly extolled, before being presented with parchments.

After the meeting adjourned, the honorary degree holders gathered in the Widener Library to have pictures taken. Then to lunch at the Fogg Museum. A tasty one it was, champagne and the biggest, reddest strawberries one ever saw.

I took my leave in the early afternoon to return to New York. The occasion had been as picturesque as conceivable, and conducted with the greatest precision and style. I dined tonight with Andy Butler. We discussed the oil business, as well as Cabell's unfortunate involvement in it. I told him I would see Jessie and her father in Europe as soon as possible.

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In this morning's Times, I discovered who were the honorary degree recipients yesterday. The list was Laurence Gould (President of Tarleton College), John Mason Kemper (Headmaster of Phillips Academy, Andover), Franklin Fry (Chairman of the Central and Executive Committees of the World Council of Churches),